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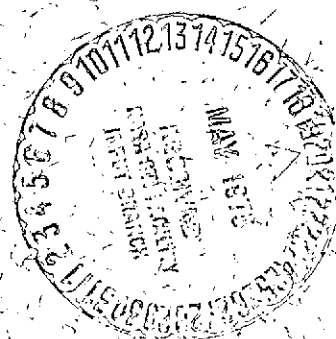
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## ABSTRACT

The general relativistic correction to the position of a satellite is found by retaining Newtonian physics for an observer on the satellite and introducing a  $r^{-3}$  potential. The potential is expanded in terms of the Keplerian elements of the orbit and substituted in Lagrange's equations. Integration of the equations shows that a typical earth satellite with small orbital eccentricity is displaced by about 17 cm from its unperturbed position after a single orbit, while the periodic displacement over the orbit reaches a maximum of about 3 cm. The moon is displaced by about the same amounts. Application of the equations to Mercury gives a total displacement of about 58 km after one orbit and a maximum periodic displacement of about 12 km.

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## INTRODUCTION

The primary purpose of this work is to investigate the effect of general relativity on the orbits of artificial satellites; but the results may be applied to any body of negligible mass orbiting about a massive, spherically symmetric object. In particular, we will discuss the moon orbiting around the earth and the planet Mercury orbiting around the sun.

Past attacks on the problem have centered around solving the equation (see Ghaffari, 1970 and references contained therein):

$$\frac{d^2u}{d\phi^2} + u = \frac{GM}{h^2} + \frac{3GM}{c^2} u^2$$

Our technique will be to back off from this equation a little to a point where we may interpret the equations of motion in the following way: the geometry of space is Euclidian and the physics is Newtonian. The price we pay for this approach is that we must modify the law of gravity and introduce an extra (relativistic) potential. This poses no particular problems, however, since the relativistic potential now becomes a disturbing function susceptible to the methods of celestial mechanics. In particular, the potential may be expressed in terms of the Keplerian elements of the orbit and substituted in Lagrange's equations. The equations may then be integrated to give the osculating elements of the orbit.

The technique has a sound philosophical basis. Even though Einstein (and others) developed general relativity within the framework of non-Euclidian geometry, we can, however, obtain an equivalent description of the world by retaining Euclidian geometry and modifying the laws of physics. This was discussed by Poincaré (1905) and clearly explained by Carnap (1966). Convenience dictates the point of view we choose. Poincaré felt mankind was so accustomed to Euclidian geometry that it might never abandon it in favor of non-Euclidian geometry, even though the latter point of view might represent a simpler picture of the world. Einstein and physicists in general, however, adopted the non-Euclidian approach for reasons of conceptual clarity and mathematical elegance. Indeed, it is doubtful general relativity could have been developed without it. But we will follow Poincaré and introduce an extra Newtonian force, since it results in an elegant description of the motion of a satellite.

(Elegant for satellites but perhaps for not much else. For instance, if we measure the circumference and radius of a circle about the earth we discover that their ratio is not  $\pi$ . Hence we would need some laws about the expansion and contraction of meter sticks. This particular problem is ignored here since the displacements we are concerned with are so small that this effect may be neglected.)

## DERIVATION OF THE EQUATIONS OF MOTION\*

Let us consider the motion of a body with negligible mass about a massive central object. We will call the two bodies satellite and earth, respectively, since we are primarily concerned with the motion of artificial satellites about the earth.

The geometry of spacetime in the neighborhood of a spherically symmetric earth is given by the Schwarzschild line element (Tolman, eq. 82.9):

$$ds^2 = - \frac{dr^2}{\left(1 - \frac{2GM_E}{c^2 r}\right)} - r^2 d\theta^2 - r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2GM_E}{c^2 r}\right) c^2 dt^2 \quad (1)$$

Here  $ds$  is the interval of proper distance,  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  are polar coordinates,  $t$  is the coordinate time, and  $M_E$  is the mass of the earth. The speed of light  $c$  and universal constant of gravitation  $G$  are explicitly retained, in contrast to the usual procedure of setting  $G = 1$  and  $c = 1$ .

The satellite will follow a geodesic in the Schwarzschild geometry according to the geodesic equation (Tolman, eq. 83.1):

$$\frac{d^2 x^\sigma}{ds^2} + \{\mu\nu, \sigma\} \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} = 0 \quad (2)$$

where  $r = x^1$ ,  $\theta = x^2$ ,  $\phi = x^3$ ,  $t = x^4$ , and  $\{\mu\nu, \sigma\}$  is the Christoffel symbol.

One may derive from equations (1) and (2) the equations of motion along with two constants of motion,  $k$  and  $h$  (Tolman, eqs. 83.10-11):

$$\left(\frac{dr}{d\tau}\right)^2 + r^2 \left(\frac{d\phi}{d\tau}\right)^2 - \frac{2GM_E}{r} \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{c^2} \frac{d\phi^2}{d\tau^2}\right) = (k^2 - 1) c^2 \quad (3)$$

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\* Our treatment summarizes that of Tolman (1934).



$$r^2 \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} = h. \quad (4)$$

Here  $ds = cd\tau$ , so that  $d\tau$  is an element of proper time as measured by a clock on the satellite (Tolman, pg. 207). Angle  $\theta$  does not appear in equations (3) and (4) since  $\theta$  has been set equal to  $\pi/2$  without loss of generality. Hence the satellite remains in a fixed plane passing through the center of the earth.

## NEWTONIAN FORMULATION

Substitution of (4) into (3) and dividing by 2 yields

$$T + V_N + V_{GR} = \text{constant} \quad (5)$$

where

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{dr}{d\tau} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} r^2 \left( \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} \right)^2$$

$$V_N = - \frac{GM_E}{r} \quad (6)$$

and

$$V_{GR} = - \frac{GM_E h^2}{c^2 r^3}. \quad (7)$$

Consider an observer on the satellite. His space coordinates are  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  and he measures time  $\tau$  with his clock. If the observer assumes his space is Euclidian and his physics is Newtonian, then  $T$  is the kinetic energy per unit mass of the satellite and  $V_N$  is the ordinary Newtonian potential.  $V_{GR}$  is the general relativistic potential which we are now forced to introduce.

Equation (5) now represents conservation of energy, while equation (4) represents conservation of angular momentum. (That angular momentum is conserved is easily seen from equations (6) and (7); both potentials represent central forces.) Hence, from the point of view of the satellite, it moves through Euclidian space under the action of the total potential  $V_N + V_{GR}$ , with conserved energy and angular momentum.

## EQUATIONS OF CELESTIAL MECHANICS

With our Newtonian approach in hand, we are now ready to apply the methods of celestial mechanics.

A satellite moving under the influence of  $V_N$  only will describe an ellipse with constant orbital elements (except for  $M_0$ )  $a_0, e_0, i_0, M_0, \omega_0, \Omega_0$ . A satellite moving under the added influence of a disturbing function  $R$  will have osculating elements  $a, e, i, M, \omega, \Omega$  which change in time according to Lagrange's equations (Brouwer and Clemence, 1961; Blanco and McCuskey, 1961):

$$\frac{da}{dt} = \frac{2}{na} \frac{\partial R}{\partial M}$$

$$\frac{de}{dt} = \frac{\sqrt{1-e^2}}{na^2 e} \left\{ \sqrt{1-e^2} \frac{\partial R}{\partial M} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial \omega} \right\}$$

$$\frac{di}{dt} = -\frac{1}{na^2 \sqrt{1-e^2} \sin i} \left\{ \frac{\partial R}{\partial \Omega} - \cos i \frac{\partial R}{\partial \omega} \right\}$$

$$\frac{d\Omega}{dt} = \frac{1}{na^2 \sqrt{1-e^2} \sin i} \left\{ \frac{\partial R}{\partial i} \right\}$$

$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{\sqrt{1-e^2}}{na^2 e} \frac{\partial R}{\partial e} - \frac{\cos i}{na^2 \sqrt{1-e^2} \sin i} \frac{\partial R}{\partial i}$$

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = n - \frac{2}{na} \frac{\partial R}{\partial a} - \frac{(1-e^2)}{na^2 e} \frac{\partial R}{\partial e}$$

where

$$n = \frac{\sqrt{GM_E}}{a^{3/2}}$$

For the case under discussion we set  $\tau = t$  and  $-V_{GR} = R$ .

Our task now is to express  $V_{GR}$  in terms of the orbital elements and substitute in Lagrange's equations. This may be elegantly done by noting that (Kaula, 1966; Caputo, 1967):

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{r^{\ell+1}} \cos\{(\ell - 2p) (\omega + f) + m(\Omega - \theta)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{a^{\ell+1}} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} G_{\ell pq}(e) \cos\{(\ell - 2p) \omega + (\ell - 2p + q) M \\ & \quad + m(\Omega - \theta)\} \end{aligned}$$

Here  $f$  is the true anomaly,  $\theta$  is the Greenwich sidereal time, and the  $G_{\ell pq}(e)$  are the eccentricity functions. Tables of  $G_{\ell pq}(e)$  may be found in Kaula (1966), Caputo (1967), and Cayley (1861); see also Table 1.

Table 1  
Eccentricity functions. From Kaula (1966), Caputo (1967),  
and Cayley (1861).

$G_{210}(e)$	$(1 - e^2)^{-3/2}$
$G_{211}(e), G_{21-1}(e)$	$\frac{3}{2} e + \frac{27}{16} e^3 + \dots$
$G_{212}(e), G_{21-2}(e)$	$\frac{9}{4} e^2 + \dots$
$G_{213}(e), G_{21-3}(e)$	$\frac{53}{16} e^3 + \dots$

Setting  $\ell = 2$ ;  $p = 1$ ; and  $m = 0$ , we obtain

$$\frac{1}{r^3} = \frac{1}{a^3} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} G_{21q}(e) \cos(qM)$$

so that

$$R = \frac{GM_E h^2}{c^2} \frac{1}{a^3} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} G_{21q}(e) \cos(qM).$$

The areal-velocity constant  $h$  may be evaluated in terms of the orbital elements. From considerations of the osculating ellipse we find (Blanco and McCuskey, pg. 133):

$$h^2 = GM_E a (1 - e^2).$$

Substitution of the disturbing function into Lagrange's equations yield

$$\frac{di}{dt} = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{d\Omega}{dt} = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{(GM_E)^{1/2} h^2}{c^2} \frac{(1 - e^2)^{1/2}}{e a^{7/2}} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} G'_{21q}(e) \cos(qM) \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dM}{dt} = & - \frac{(GM_E)^{1/2} h^2}{c^2} a^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1 - e^2}{e a^4} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} G'_{21q}(e) \cos(qM) \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{6}{a^4} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} G_{21q}(e) \cos(qM) \right] + \frac{(GM_E)^{1/2}}{a^{3/2}} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{da}{dt} = - \frac{2h^2 (GM_E)^{1/2}}{c^2} \frac{1}{a^{5/2}} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} q G_{21q}(e) \sin(qM) \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{de}{dt} = - \frac{(GM_E)^{1/2} h^2}{c^2} \frac{1 - e^2}{e a^{7/2}} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} q G_{21q}(e) \sin(qM) \quad (13)$$

The prime on  $G_{21q}(e)$  denotes differentiation with respect to  $e$ .

We see from equations (8) and (9) that the inclination  $i$  and node  $\Omega$  remain constant.

We obtain the secular rate of change of the elements by examining the terms for which  $q = 0$ :

$$\left[ \frac{da}{dt} \right]_S = \left[ \frac{de}{dt} \right]_S = 0$$

$$\left[ \frac{d\omega}{dt} \right]_S = \frac{(GM_E)^{1/2} h^2 (1 - e^2)^{1/2}}{c^2 e a^{7/2}} G'_{210}(e) \quad (14)$$

$$\left[ \frac{dM}{dt} \right]_S = \frac{(GM_E)^{1/2} h^2}{c^2 a^{7/2}} \left[ 6G_{210}(e) - G'_{210}(e) \frac{(1 - e^2)}{e} \right] + \frac{(GM_E)^{1/2}}{a^{3/2}} = \left[ \frac{dM}{dt} \right]_{S,GR} + \left[ \frac{dM}{dt} \right]_{S,N} \quad (15)$$

Here the subscripts S, GR, and N mean "secular", "general relativity" and "Newtonian", respectively.

There is no secular change in the semimajor axis  $a$  or eccentricity  $e$ .

The well-known expression for the rate of rotation of the argument of perigee  $\omega$  may be obtained by noting that

$$G_{210}(e) = (1 - e^2)^{-3/2}, \quad G'_{210}(e) = \frac{3e}{(1 - e^2)^{5/2}}$$

and  $h^2 = GM_E a(1 - e^2)$ . Substituting these expressions into equation (14), we get

$$\left[ \frac{d\omega}{dt} \right]_S = \frac{3(GM_E)^{3/2}}{c^2} \frac{1}{a^{5/2}(1 - e^2)}$$

This agrees with the usual expression obtained by other means (Tolman, 1934; Bergmann, 1942). Table 2 contains the secular rates of change of the argument of perigee for the satellite Beacon Explorer C, the moon, and the planet Mercury.

Table 2

Secular rates of change of the argument of perigee  $\omega$  and mean anomaly  $M$  for  
Beacon Explorer C, the moon, and Mercury

Orbiting body	Central object	$\frac{GM_E}{c^2}$	a	e	$\left[\frac{d\omega}{dt}\right]_S$	$\left[\frac{dM}{dt}\right]_{S, GR}$
Beacon Explorer C	Earth	0.443 cm	$7.502 \times 10^8$ cm	0.025	0.0307"/day	0.0307"/day
Moon	Earth	0.443 cm	$3.844 \times 10^{10}$ cm	0.055	$1.63 \times 10^{-6}$ "/day	$1.63 \times 10^{-6}$ "/day
Mercury	Sun	1.477 km	$5.791 \times 10^7$ km	0.206	43"/century	42"/century

From equation (15) we may write

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \frac{dM}{dt} \right]_{s,GR} &= \frac{(GM_E)^{1/2} h^2}{c^2 a^{7/2}} \left[ 6G_{210}(e) - G'_{210}(e) \left( \frac{1-e^2}{e} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{3(GM_E)^{1/2} h^2}{c^2 a^{7/2} (1-e^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{3(GM_E)^{3/2}}{c^2 a^{5/2} (1-e^2)^{1/2}} \end{aligned}$$

Values for the secular rate of change of the mean anomaly  $M$  for the above mentioned bodies may be found in Table 2.

Table 3

Summary of displacement data for Beacon Explorer C, the moon, and Mercury

Orbiting body	Displacement after one orbit	Maximum periodic displacement
Beacon Explorer C	16.7 cm	3.1 cm
Moon	16.8 cm	3.1 cm
Mercury	58.1 km	12.4 km

## INTEGRATION OF THE EQUATIONS

If we substitute the elements of the unperturbed orbit  $a_0, e_0, i_0, M_0, \omega_0$  into the right side of equations (10)-(13) and set

$$dt = \frac{dM_0}{\frac{(GM_E)^{1/2}}{a_0^{3/2}}},$$

then the equations may be integrated to give

$$\omega = \omega_0 + \left( \frac{GM_E}{c^2} \right) \frac{3}{(1-e_0^2) a_0} M_0 + \left( \frac{GM_E}{c^2} \right) \frac{2(1-e_0^2)^{3/2}}{e_0 a_0} \left\{ \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} G'_{211}(e_0) \frac{\sin q M_0}{q} \right\} \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M = M_0 + \left( \frac{GM_E}{c^2} \right) \frac{3}{(1 - e_0)^{1/2} a_0} M_0 \\
- \left( \frac{GM_E}{c^2} \right) \frac{2(1 - e_0)^2}{e_0 a_0} \left\{ \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} G'_{21q}(e_0) \frac{\sin qM_0}{q} \right\} \\
+ \left( \frac{GM_E}{c^2} \right) \frac{12(1 - e_0^2)}{a_0} \left\{ \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} G_{21q}(e_0) \frac{\sin qM_0}{q} \right\} \quad (17)
\end{aligned}$$

$$a = a_0 + \left( \frac{GM_E}{c^2} \right) 4(1 - e_0^2) \left\{ \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} G_{21q}(e_0) \cos qM_0 - \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} G_{21q}(e) \right\} \quad (18)$$

$$e = e_0 + \left( \frac{GM_E}{c^2} \right) \frac{2(1 - e_0^2)^2}{e_0 a_0} \left\{ \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} G_{21q}(e_0) \cos qM_0 - \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} G_{21q}(e_0) \right\} \quad (19)$$

as the approximate expressions for the elements of the perturbed orbit. The constants of integration have been adjusted so that the perturbed and unperturbed elements are identical at perigee.

The displacement in the position of the satellite due to the relativistic potential may now be found. This was accomplished with the computer program given in the Appendix. The program takes the Keplerian elements of the perturbed orbit given by equations (16)–(19) and converts them to Cartesian coordinates and velocities  $x, y, z, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}$ . The vector  $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$  gives the perturbed position of the satellite. The process is repeated for the unperturbed orbit, obtaining the position vector  $\vec{r}_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ . The difference  $\Delta \vec{r} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}_0$  gives the displacement of the satellite due to the relativistic potential.

The orbits are taken to lie in the  $xy$  plane as shown in Figure 1, so that  $z = z_0 = 0$  and  $\dot{z} = \dot{z}_0 = 0$ . The  $x$  axis lies along the line of perigee of the unperturbed orbit, and the mean anomaly increases in the positive (counterclockwise) sense.



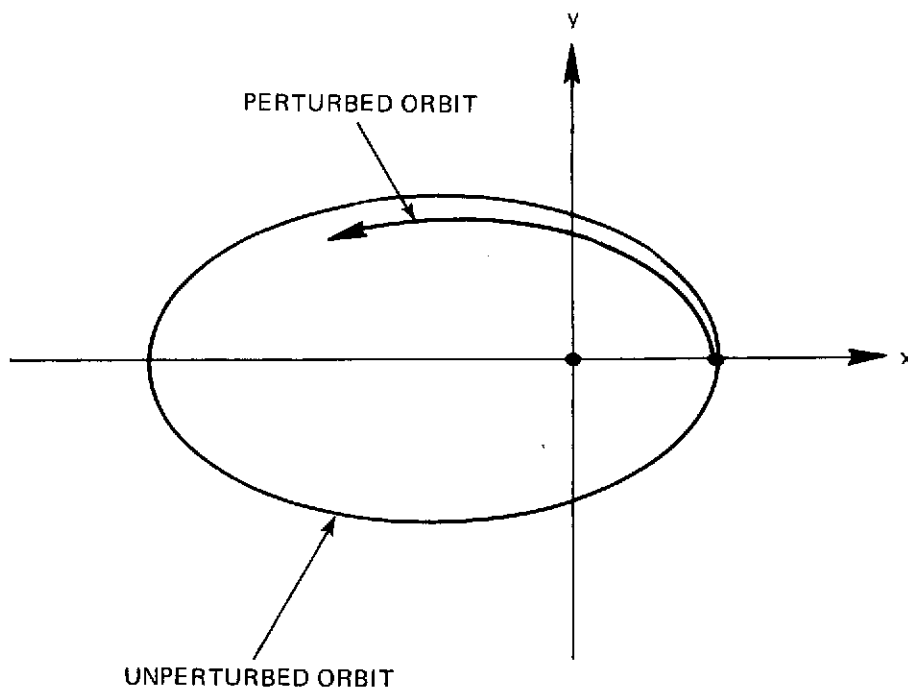


Figure 1. Orientation of the Orbit.

The program uses double precision variables and can consider powers of  $e \leq 2$  or  $\leq 1$  in the eccentricity functions and their derivatives, depending upon the choice of the programmer.

Figure 2 plots  $\Delta \vec{r}$  for a typical earth satellite (Beacon Explorer C). The unperturbed position is at the origin (point O in the figure). The perturbed and unperturbed positions are coincident at perigee (point O) and the perturbed position moves away from the unperturbed position in a spiral as time progresses. After one revolution the perturbed position is at point A, about 16.7 cm from the unperturbed position. The displacement of the moon is given in Figure 3. Here the displacement is about 16.8 cm at the end of one revolution.

Figure 4 gives  $\Delta \vec{r}$  for Mercury. The rather distorted shape of the spiral is due to the large eccentricity of the orbit. Mercury is displaced by about 58.1 km at the end of one revolution.

The secular displacement of Mercury is shown in Figure 5. Here the periodic terms have been omitted.

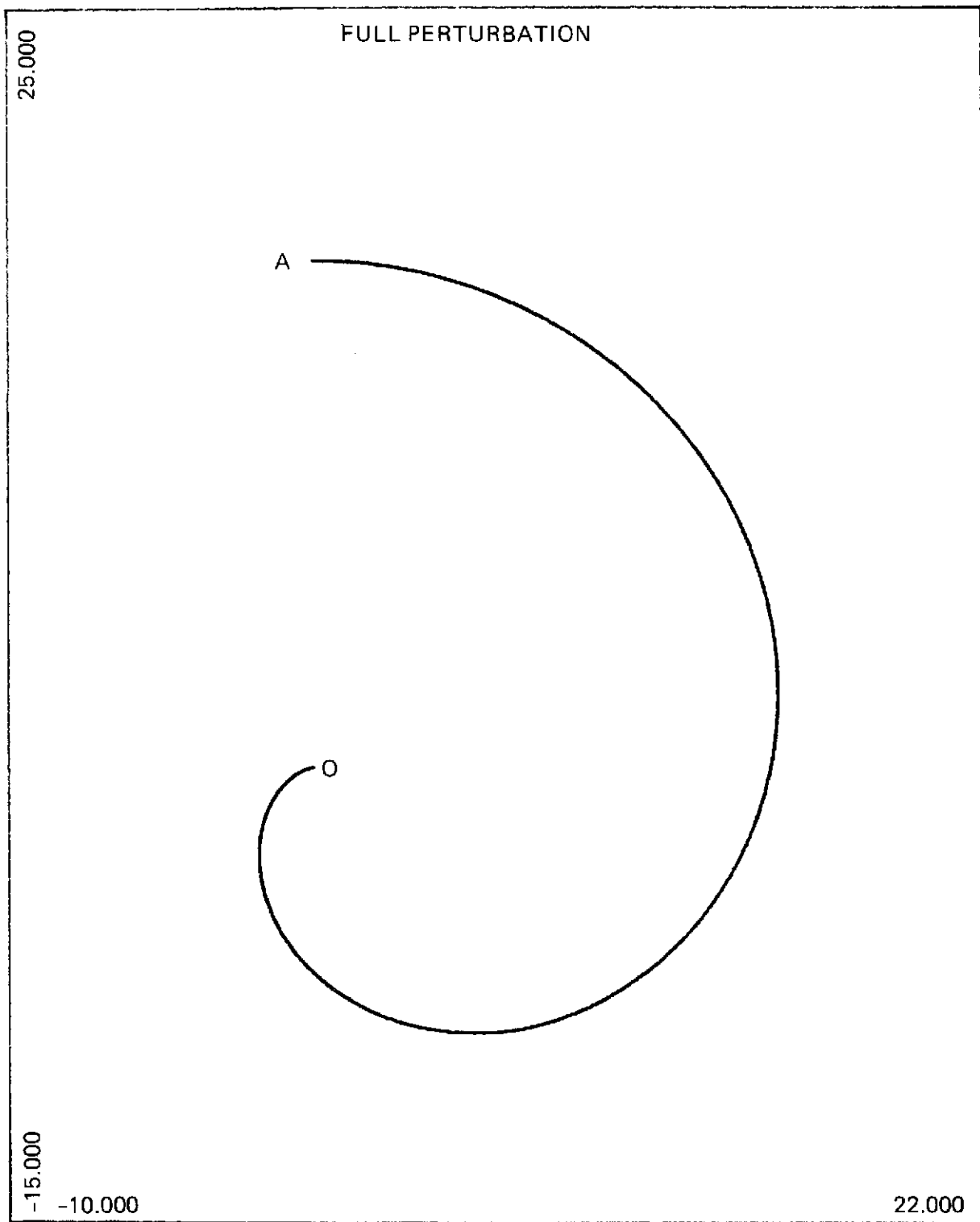


Figure 2. The total displacement of Beacon Explorer C due to the relativistic potential. The unperturbed position is at point O. The perturbed position is at point A after one revolution of the unperturbed orbit. The numbers in the diagram refer to centimeters. The diagram itself is one-half actual size.

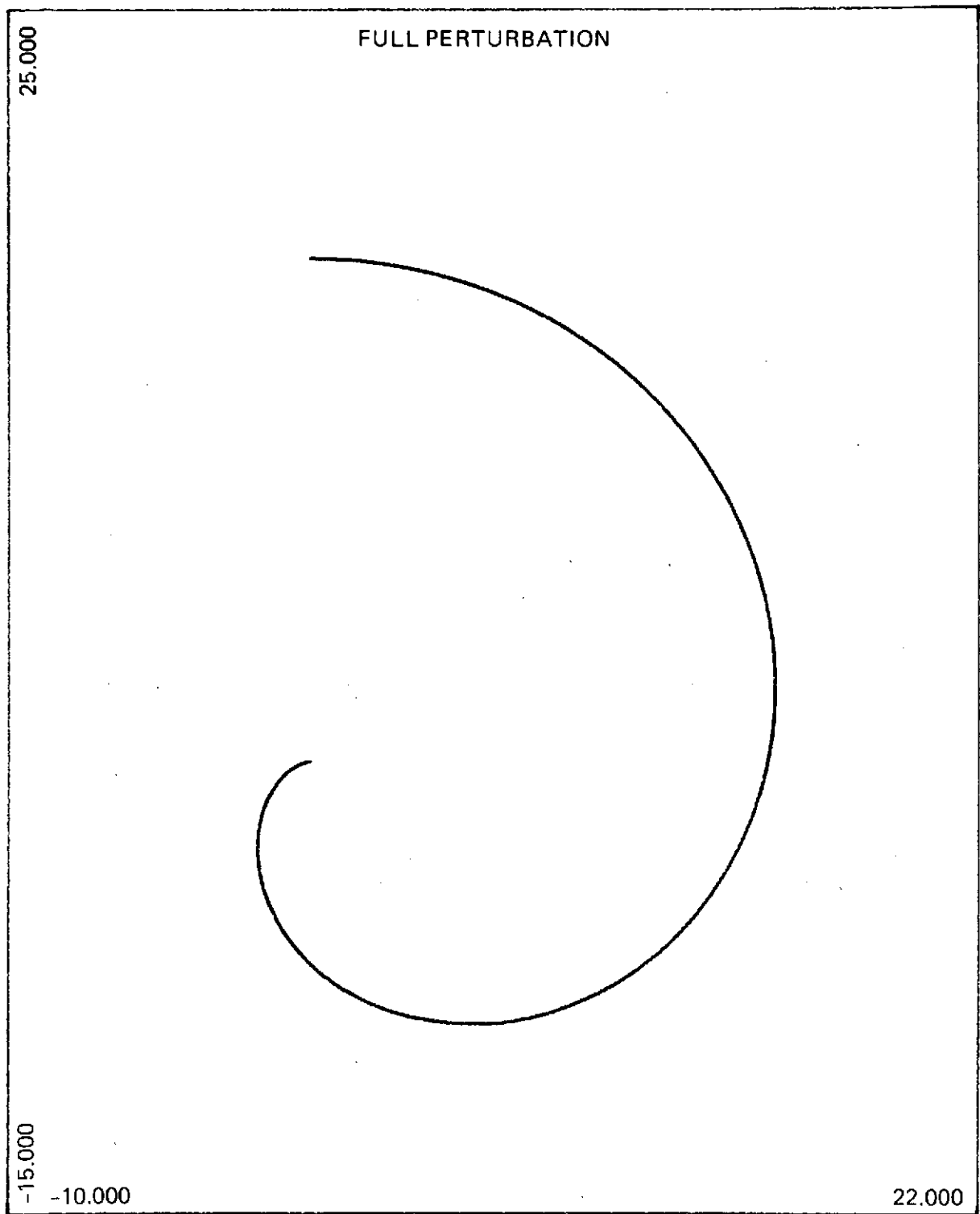


Figure 3. Total displacement of the moon over one orbit. The numbers in the diagram refer to centimeters. One-half actual size.

The periodic displacement for Beacon Explorer C (top) and the moon (bottom) are given in Figure 6. In each case the maximum displacement ( $\text{maximum} |\Delta \vec{r}|$ ) is about 3.1 cm. The sense of rotation is counterclockwise.

The periodic displacement for Mercury is shown in Figure 7 (top). The maximum distance from the unperturbed position is about 12.4 km.

A summary of the numerical data for Figure 2-7 is given in Table 3.

Powers of  $e \leq 2$  were retained in the eccentricity functions and their derivatives for the computations for Figures 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 (top). The periodic displacement for Mercury with powers of  $e \leq 1$  retained is given in Figure 7 (bottom). The great difference in the shapes of the curves emphasizes the importance of keeping many terms in the eccentricity functions and their derivatives when the eccentricity is large.

It is interesting to note that the displacements are the same for any two bodies orbiting the same massive central object, regardless of the values of the semi-major axes, so long as the eccentricities are the same. This is apparently due to the appearance of  $a_0$  in the denominators of the corrections to  $\omega_0$ ,  $M_0$ , and  $e_0$  (equations 16, 17, and 19). As  $a_0$  changes scale,  $\omega_0$ ,  $M_0$ , and  $e_0$  change in such a manner as to compensate for it. This explains why the displacement of Beacon Explorer C and the moon are very nearly the same.

## THE ORBIT AS SEEN FROM THE GROUND

So far we have proceeded from the point of view of an observer on the satellite. An observer on the ground sees a somewhat more complicated set of forces acting than does the observer on the satellite; this may be verified by examining the Schwarzschild metric from the point of view of the ground observer. We will not pursue this very far, except to say that both observers will agree on the track of the satellite across the sky. That this is so may be seen by imagining space to be laced with coordinate lines. The two observers must agree that the satellite arrives at various points in the coordinate system as the satellite moves around the earth. This line of reasoning is implicit in the equation given in the Introduction; the solution of the equation gives  $r (= u^{-1})$  as a function of  $\phi$ , which is the same regardless of who is looking at the satellite. Hence when both the observer on the ground and the satellite plot out the orbit, they will get the same answer.

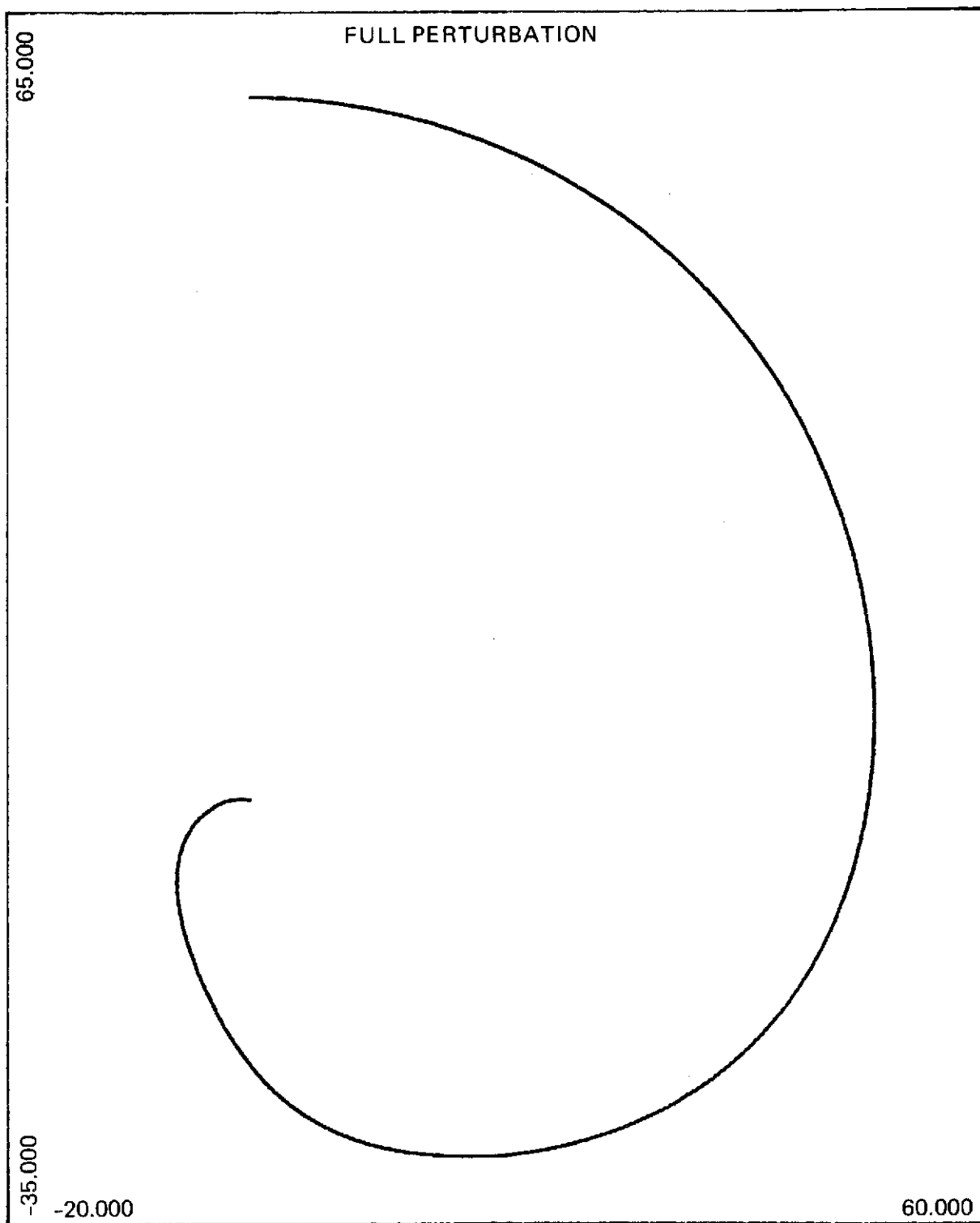


Figure 4. Total displacement of Mercury over one orbit. The distorted shape of the spiral is due to the large eccentricity of the orbit. The numbers in the diagram refer to kilometers.

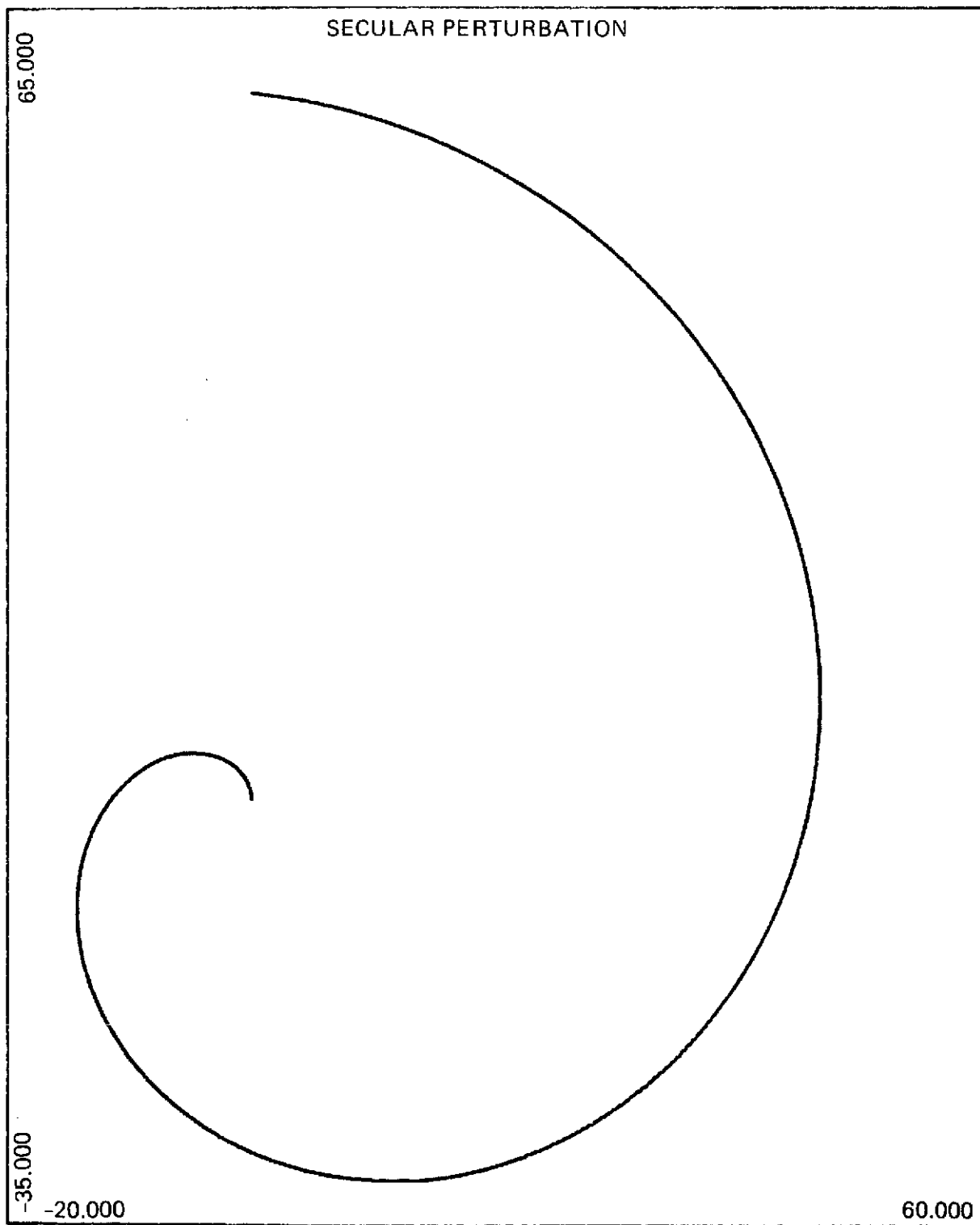


Figure 5. Secular displacement of Mercury. The numbers in the diagram refer to kilometers.

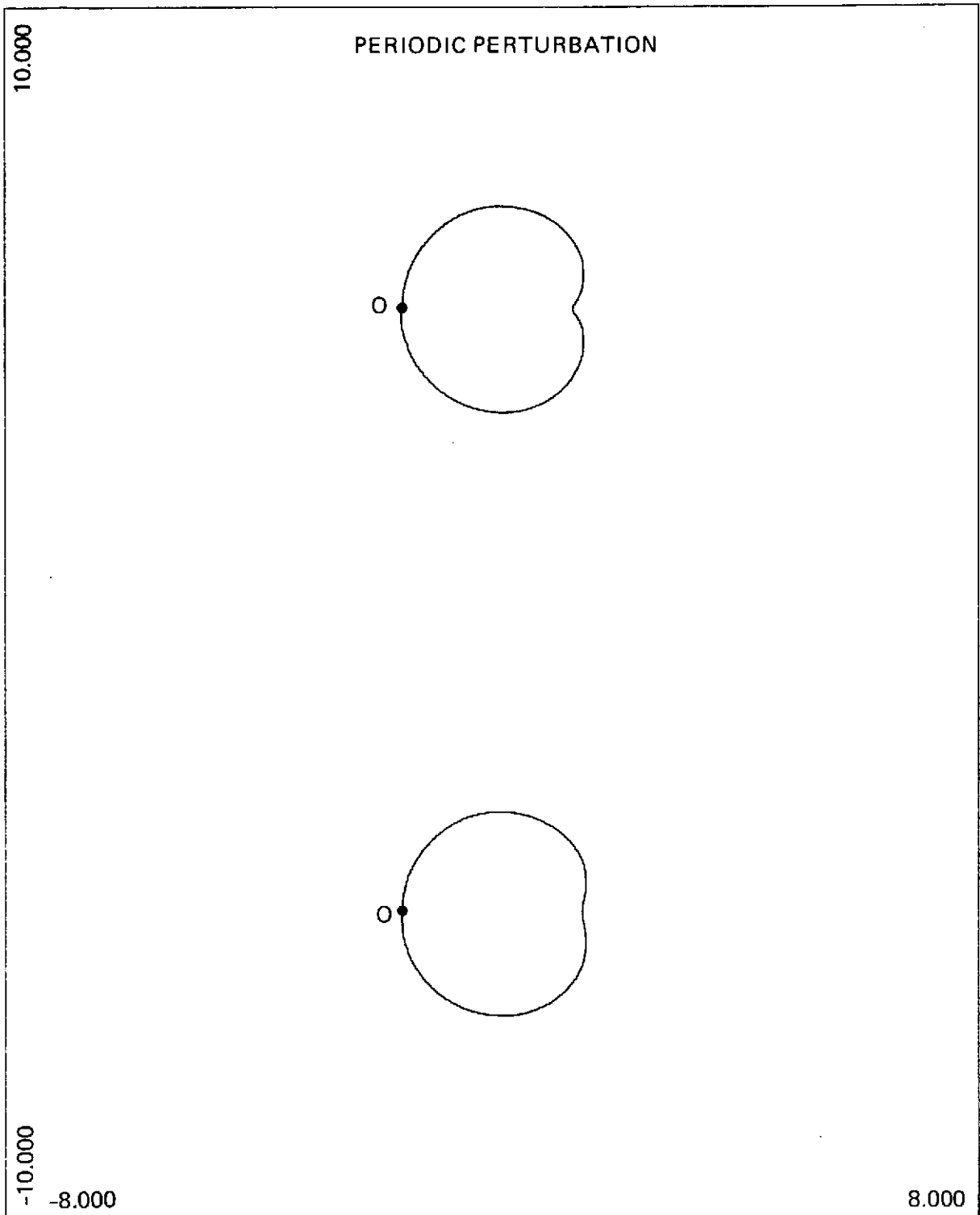


Figure 6. The periodic displacement of Beacon Explorer C (top) and the moon (bottom). The sense of rotation is counterclockwise. The numbers refer to centimeters. Actual size.

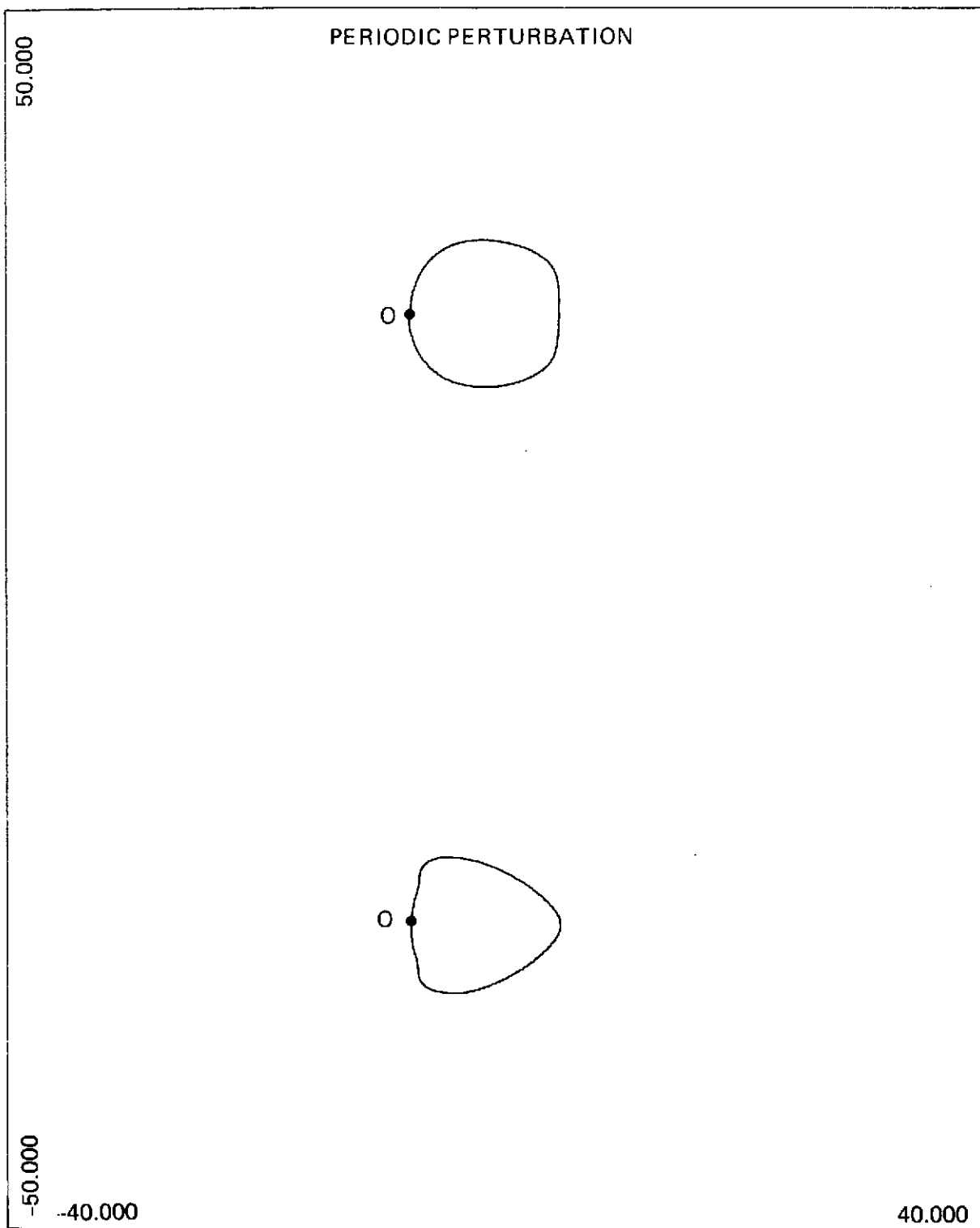


Figure 7. The periodic displacement of Mercury keeping powers of  $e \leq 2$  (top) and  $\leq 1$  (bottom). The top diagram gives a more accurate picture of the periodic displacement than the bottom diagram. The numbers refer to kilometers.



The two observers will, however, disagree on the times of arrival of the satellite at various points in the coordinate system. Their clocks run at different rates, since they are in relative motion and in different parts of the gravitational field. But the time intervals recorded by the clocks will differ from each other by a factor of about  $GM_E/c^2r$ , or about one part in  $10^8$  for the earth. Hence when the two observers compute the perigee shift, say, they will disagree on when the shift was  $\alpha$  radians after a day's time by about a millisecond. This demonstrates that the timing problem is not important when tracking artificial satellites.

## ALTERNATIVE VIEWPOINT

We can look at what we have done from the more usual non-Euclidian viewpoint. To do so requires a few words about coordinates. Let us confine our remarks to the  $(r, \phi)$  plane, i.e.  $\theta = \pi/2$ .

Now  $r$  measures radial distance from the center of the earth; in fact,  $r = (\text{proper area of sphere}/4\pi)^{1/2}$  (Misner, Thorne, and Wheeler, 1973; pg. 596).  $\phi$  measures the angle on a sphere. So to get to the point  $(r, \phi)$  in physical space we go out the appropriate distance  $r$  and swing through the angle  $\phi$ .

We of course wish to find the set of values  $\{r, \phi\}$  which gives us the path of the satellite through physical space. We can accomplish this by doing the following: take a point  $(r, \phi)$  in physical space and assign it a point  $(r_E, \phi_E)$  in a Euclidian plane with numerical values  $r = r_E$  and  $\phi = \phi_E$ . Do this for all the points in physical space. Solve the equations of motion of the satellite by the methods of celestial mechanics to get its path in this Euclidian plane. In particular, we wind up with a set of  $x$  and  $y$  values  $\{x_E, y_E\}$  for the track of the satellite.

To find its path in physical space, what do we do? Take each  $(x_E, y_E)$  in the set and put  $r_E = \sqrt{x_E^2 + y_E^2}$ ,  $\phi_E = \text{Arctan } y_E/x_E$ . Then set  $r = r_E$  and  $\phi = \phi_E$ . Go out distance  $r$  from the center of the earth and swing through angle  $\phi$ . Do this for all the points in the set to get the track of the satellite through physical space.

Now if we let the speed of light approach infinity, then the trajectory of the satellite becomes the unperturbed ellipse. We say that the difference between the perturbed and unperturbed positions is the displacement of the satellite. Computing the distances between the positions and getting so many centimeters displacement (for the case of the earth) may be done in the ordinary Euclidian sense, since the effect of the curvature of space is so small over such short distances that it may be neglected.

## CONCLUSION

The general relativistic correction to the position of an earth satellite with small orbital eccentricity has been shown to be about 17 cm per revolution. This effect is at present too small to be separated from other perturbing influences, such as radiation from the earth and atmospheric drag. However, improved knowledge of satellite perturbations and small atmospheric drag may allow the relativistic effect to be measured from observations of the proposed new geodynamic satellite LAGEOS. It is hoped that such observations will provide tests of the Einstein and Brans-Dicke theories of relativity.

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## APPENDIX

This program takes the Keplerian elements of the perturbed and unperturbed orbits and calculates displacements. Explanations of its operation are given in the program itself. Some sample output is given.

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C
C*****MAIN PROGRAM
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C
C*****THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES A SEQUENCE OF DIFFERENCE VECTORS BETWEEN THE
C POSITION IN AN UNPERTURBED ORBIT AND THE POSITION IN THE ORBIT AS
C PERTURBED BY THE RELATIVISTIC POTENTIAL AS THE MEAN ANOMALY OF
C THE UNPERTURBED ORBIT INCREASES WITH TIME. THE NUMBER OF SUCH
C VECTORS IS NPCINT AND THE STEP SIZE IN THE MEAN ANOMALY IS DEL.
C THE COORDINATES OF THE DISTURBED POSITION RELATIVE TO THE
C UNDISTURBED POSITION ARE LISTED AND PLOTTED. THE SAME IS DONE FOR
C THE VELOCITY VECTORS, EXCEPT THAT NO PLOT IS GIVEN.
C THE KEPLERIAN ELEMENTS OF BOTH PERTURBED AND UNPERTURBED ORBITS
C ARE INITIALLY CHOSEN TO BE THE SAME AT PERIGEE.
C
C*****NOTATION FOR INPUT DATA.
C
C.....INDEX TELLS WHAT OBJECT THE SATELLITE IS ORBITING ABOUT. INDEX=1
C IS THE SUN, 2 THE EARTH, AND 3 ANY OTHER GIVEN CELEST.
C.....ACM IS THE SEMI-MAJOR AXIS OF THE ORBIT IN CENTIMETERS.
C.....E1 IS THE ECCENTRICITY.
C.....XMASS3 IS THE MASS OF THE OBJECT IN GRAMS IF INDEX=3.
C.....DIS3 IS THE DISTANCE FACTOR IN CENTIMETERS CHOSEN SUCH THAT
C ACM/DIS3=1 APPROXIMATELY, IF INDEX=3.
C.....NTERM TELLS WHAT TERMS ARE TO BE RETAINED IN THE PERTURBATION.
C NTERM=0 GIVES THE FULL PERTURBATION. NTERM=1 GIVES PERIODIC TERMS
C ONLY, WHILE NTERM=2 GIVES SECULAR TERMS ONLY.
C.....NPOINT IS THE NUMBER OF POINTS IN THE SEQUENCE.
C.....XMSRT IS THE INITIAL VALUE OF THE MEAN ANOMALY IN DEGREES.
C.....DEL IS THE STEP SIZE OF THE MEAN ANOMALY IN DEGREES.
C.....NPRT TELLS WHAT POWERS OF ECCENTRICITY ARE RETAINED IN THE
C ECCENTRICITY FUNCTIONS AND THEIR DERIVATIVES. IF NPRT=1, THEN
C POWERS OF ECCENTRICITY GREATER THAN 1 ARE NEGLECTED. IF NPRT=0,
C THEN POWERS GREATER THAN 2 ARE NEGLECTED.
C
C*****NOTATION FOR OUTPUT DATA.
C
C.....X AND Y ARE THE CARTESIAN COORDINATES IN CENTIMETERS OF THE
C PERTURBED POSITION RELATIVE TO THE UNPERTURBED POSITION (WHICH IS
C AT X=0 AND Y=0.)
C.....R=DSQRT(X**2 + Y**2) IS THE DISTANCE FROM THE ORIGIN TO (X,Y).
C.....XDT AND YDT ARE THE CARTESIAN VELOCITY DIFFERENCES IN CM/SEC
C BETWEEN THE PERTURBED AND UNPERTURBED VELOCITIES.
C.....V=DSQRT(XDT**2 + YDT**2) IS THE MAGNITUDE OF THE VELOCITY
C DIFFERENCE.
C
0001      IMPLICIT REAL*8 (A-H,O-Z)
0002      DIMENSION X1(400),Y1(400)
0003      DATA RAD/C,CI745329251994300/
0004      DATA BIGC/E,67E-8/,C/2.998010/
0005      DATA XMASS1/1.587D33/,XMASS2/5.976D27/,DIS1/1.456D13/
0006      DATA DIS2/E,37E15115408/
0007      DATA P1,P2,P3/5H SUN,SHEARTH,SHOTHER/
C*****READ IN THE INPUT DATA.
0008      1 READ (5,2,END=12) INDEX,ACM,E1,XMASS3,DIS3
0009      READ (5,16) NTERM,NPOINT,XMSRT,DEL,NPRT
0010      2 FORMAT (I5,D15.5,F10.5,2D15.5)
0011      16 FORMAT (2I5,2F10.5,I5)
C*****SET THE VALUES OF THE INCLINATION, LONGITUDE OF NODE, AND ARGUMENT
C OF PERIGEE TO ZERO, SO THAT THE ORBIT LIES IN THE X-Y PLANE AND
C THE SEMI-MAJOR AXIS OF THE UNPERTURBED ORBIT LIES ALONG THE X-AXIS
C WITH THE POINT OF PERIGEE ON THE POSITIVE SIDE OF THE AXIS.
0012      F11=0.000
0013      CMG1=C,CCC
0014      FNODE1=0.000
C*****CHECK TO SEE WHAT MASS IS BEING USED.
0015      IF (INDEX - 2) 3,4,5
0016      3 XMASS=XMASS1
0017      DISFAC=DIS1
0018      P=P1
0019      GO TO 6
0020      4 XMASS=XMASS2
0021      DISFAC=DIS2
0022      P=P2
0023      GO TO 6
0024      5 XMASS=XMASS3
0025      DISFAC=DIS3
0026      P=P3
0027      6 CONTINUE

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C*****GMC2=BIG G * MASS/(SPEED OF LIGHT)**2 IN CGS UNITS.
0028   GMC2=BIGG*XMMASS/(C**2)
0029   SQ=(BIGG*MASS)/DISFAC
C*****CONV IS A CONVERSION FACTOR FOR THE VELOCITIES.
0030   CONV=DSQRT(SQ)
0031   A1=ACM/DISFAC
C*****WRITE OUT THE HEADINGS.
0032   WRITE (6,7)
0033   7   FORMAT (1F1)
0034   WRITE (6,8) P,XMASS,DISFAC
0035   8   FORMAT (///,10X,16HDISTURBING BODY=,1X,A5,10X,5HMASS=,D15.5,1X,2HG
1M,10X,16HDISTANCE FACTOR=,1X,D15.5,1X,2HCM)
0036   WRITE (6,9) AC, E1
0037   9   FORMAT (///,10X,2HA=,1X,D15.5,1X,2HCM,20X,2HE=,1X,F10.5)
0038   WRITE (6,14) NFCINT,DEL
0039   14  FORMAT (///,10X,7HNPPOINT=,1X,I5,20X,4HDEL=,1X,F10.5,1X,7HDEGREES)
0040   IF (NTERM - 1) 17,18,19
0041   17  WRITE (6,20)
0042   20  FORMAT (///,10X,17HFULL PERTURBATION)
0043   GO TO 23
0044   18  WRITE (6,21)
0045   21  FORMAT (///,10X,19HPERIODIC TERMS ONLY)
0046   GO TO 23
0047   19  WRITE (6,22)
0048   22  FORMAT (///,10X,18HSECULAR TERMS ONLY)
0049   23  CONTINUE
0050   IF (NPERT - 1) 24,26,26
0051   24  WRITE (6,25)
0052   25  FORMAT (///,10X,77HTERMS UP TO AND INCLUDING SECOND ORDER RETAINED
1 IN THE ECCENTRICITY FUNCTIONS)
0053   GO TO 28
0054   26  WRITE (6,27)
0055   27  FORMAT (///,10X,77HTERMS UP TO AND INCLUDING FIRST ORDER RETAINED
1 IN THE ECCENTRICITY FUNCTIONS)
0056   28  CONTINUE
0057   WRITE (6,29)
0058   29  FORMAT (10X,21HAND THEIR DERIVATIVES)
0059   WRITE (6,7)
0060   WRITE (6,30)
0061   30  FORMAT (///,10X)
0062   WRITE (6,13)
0063   13  FORMAT (3X,1H,4X,12HMEAN ANOMALY,7X,1HX,14X,1HY,14X,1HR,13X,3HXDT
1,12X,3HYDT,13X,1HV)
0064   WRITE (6,15)
0065   15  FORMAT (10X,5H(DEGREES),7X,4H(CM),11X,4H(CM),11X,4H(CM),9X,8H(CM/S
1EC),7X,8H(CM/SEC),7X,8H(CM/SEC),//)
C*****DO THE ITERATION.
0066   DO 10 N=1,NFCINT
0067   XMEAN=(N-1)*DEL + XMSTRT
0068   XM1=XMEAN*AC
C*****A1,E1,XM1,CMEG1 ARE THE UNPERTURBED ELEMENTS.
C*****A2,E2,XM2,CMEG2 ARE THE PERTURBED ELEMENTS.
C*****CALL DELTEL TO GET THE RELATIVISTIC CORRECTIONS TO THE ELEMENTS.
0069   CALL DELTEL (NTERM,NPERT,GMC2,ACM,E1,XM1,DELA,CELE,DELM,DELOMG)
0070   A2=A1 + DELA/DISFAC
0071   E2=E1 + DELE
0072   XM2=XM1 + DELM
0073   CMEG2=CMEG1 + DELOMG
C*****CALL DETRV TO CONVERT THE KEPLERIAN ELEMENTS TO CARTESIAN
COORDINATES AND VELOCITIES.
0074   C   CALL DETRV(A1,E1,F11,XM1,CMEG1,FNODE1,XA,YA,ZA,XCTA,YCTA,ZDTA,RA,V
1A)
0075   CALL DETRV(A2,E2,F11,XM2,CMEG2,FNODE1,XB,YB,ZB,XCTB,YCTB,ZDTB,RB,V
1B)
C*****COMPUTE THE DIFFERENCES IN COORDINATES AND VELOCITIES.
0076   X=(XB-XA)*DISFAC
0077   Y=(YB-YA)*DISFAC
0078   Z=(ZB-ZA)*DISFAC
0079   R2=(X**2) + (Y**2) + (Z**2)
0080   R=DSQRT(R2)
0081   XDT=(XDTB-XCTA)*CONV
0082   YDT=(YDTB-YCTA)*CONV
0083   ZDT=(ZDTB-ZCTA)*CONV
0084   V2=(XDT**2) + (YDT**2) + (ZDT**2)
0085   V=DSQRT(V2)
C*****PUT THE POINTS IN THE ARRAY FOR PLCT1.
0086   X1(N)=X
0087   Y1(N)=Y
C*****WRITE OUT THE MEAN ANOMALY, DISTANCES, AND VELOCITIES.
0088   WRITE (6,11) N,XMEAN,X,Y,R,XDT,YCT,V

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0089      10  CONTINUE
          C*****CALL PLCT1 TO PLOT THE POINTS.
0090      CALL PLCT1(X1,Y1,NPOINT)
0091      GO TO 1
0092      12  CONTINUE
0093      11  FORMAT (1X,I4,2X,F10.4,3X,6D15.5)
0094      STOP
0095      END

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0001      SUBROUTINE CELTEL (INTERM,NPERT,GMC2,A0,E0,XM0,CELA,DELE,DELM,DELMG
16)
C
C
C*****THIS SUBROUTINE FINDS THE RELATIVISTIC CORRECTIONS TO THE
C      KEPLERIAN ELEMENTS, WHICH ARE TO BE ADDED TO THE UNPERTURBED
C      ELEMENTS TO GIVE THE ELEMENTS OF THE RELATIVISTICALLY PERTURBED
C      ORBIT.
C
C*****UNPERTURBED ELEMENTS
C
C*****A0 IS THE SEMIMAJOR AXIS IN CENTIMETERS.
C*****E0 IS THE ECCENTRICITY.
C*****XM0 IS THE MEAN ANOMALY IN RADIAN.
C
C*****PERTURBED ELEMENTS
C
C*****CELA IS THE CORRECTION TO THE SEMIMAJOR AXIS IN CENTIMETERS.
C*****DELE IS THE CORRECTION TO THE ECCENTRICITY.
C*****DELM IS THE CORRECTION TO THE MEAN ANOMALY IN RADIAN.
C*****CELOMG IS THE CORRECTION TO THE ARGUMENT OF PERIGEE IN RADIAN.
C*****THE PERTURBATIONS IN INCLINATION AND LONGITUDE OF NODE ARE
C      ZERO AND HENCE NOT INCLUDED IN THE SUBROUTINE.
C*****INTERM TELLS WHAT TERMS TO RETAIN IN THE PERTURBATION. NTERM=0
C      GIVES THE FULL PERTURBATION. NTERM=1 GIVES PERIODIC TERMS ONLY.
C      WHILE NTERM=2 GIVES SECULAR TERMS ONLY.
C*****GMC2 = BIG.G * MASS/(SPEED OF LIGHT)**2 IN CGS UNITS.
C*****NPERT TELLS WHAT POWERS OF ECCENTRICITY ARE RETAINED IN THE
C      ECCENTRICITY FUNCTIONS AND THEIR DERIVATIVES. IF NPERT=1, THEN
C      POWERS OF ECCENTRICITY GREATER THAN 1 ARE NEGLECTED. IF NPERT=0,
C      THEN POWERS GREATER THAN 2 ARE NEGLECTED.
C
C      IMPLICIT REAL*(A-H,O-Z)
0002      F1=1.000 - (E0**2)
0003      F2=DSQRT(F1)
0004      SM=DSIN(XM0)
0005      CM=DCOS(XM0)
0006      XM2=2.000*XM0
0007      XM3=3.000*XM0
0008      SM2=DSIN(XM2)
0009      CM2=DCOS(XM2)
0010      SM3=DSIN(XM3)
0011
C*****G211 AND G212 ARE ECCENTRICITY FUNCTIONS.
C*****GP211, GP212, AND GP213 ARE DERIVATIVES OF ECCENTRICITY FUNCTIONS.
0012      IF (NPERT.EQ. 1) GO TO 4
0013      G211=1.500*E0
0014      G212=(9.000/4.000)*(E0**2)
0015      GP211=1.500 + (81.000/16.000)*(E0**2)
0016      GP212=4.500*E0
0017      GP213=(159.000/16.000)*(E0**2)
0018      GO TO 5
0019      4      G211=(1.500)*E0
0020      G212=0.000
0021      GP211=1.500
0022      GP212=(4.500)*E0
0023      GP213=0.000
0024      5      CONTINUE
0025      E1=G211*CM
0026      E2=GP211*SM
0027      E3=G211*SM
0028      C1=G212*CM2
0029      C2=GP212*SM2/2.000
0030      C3=G212*SM2/2.000
0031      F2=GP213*SM3/3.000
0032      FA=GMC2*(4.000)*F1
0033      CELA=FA*B1 - FA*G211 + FA*C1 - FA*G212
0034      FE=GMC2*(2.000)*(F1**2)/(E0*A0)
0035      CELE=FE*B1 - FE*G211 + FE*C1 - FE*G212
0036      FMS=GMC2*(3.000)/(F2*A0)
0037      XMS=FMS*XM0
0038      FM1=GMC2*(2.000)*(F1**2)/(E0*A0)
0039      FM2=GMC2*(12.000)*F1/A0
0040      DELM=XMS - FM1*(B2 + C2 + P2) + FM2*(B3 + C3)
0041      FOMGS=GMC2*(3.000)/(F1*A0)
0042      FOMG1=GMC2*(2.000)*F1*F2/(E0*A0)
0043      DELOMG=FOMGS*XM0 + FOMG1*(B2 + C2 + P2)
0044      IF (INTERM - 1) 3,2,1
0045      1      DELM=XMS
0046      DELOMG=FOMGS*XM0
0047      CELA=0.000

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0048		DELE=0.0D0
0049		GO TO 3
0050	2	DELM=-FM1*(B2 + C2 + P2) + FM2*(B3 + C3)
0051		DELOMG=FCMG1*(E2 + C2 + P2)
0052	3	CONTINUE
0053		RETURN
0054		END



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SUBROUTINE GETRV(CEA,CEE,CEINC,CEMA,CECMEG,CECAP,CEX,CEY,CEZ,
  ICEXDT,DEYDT,CEZDT,DERMAG,CEVMAG)

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C
C*****THIS SUBROUTINE CONVERTS KEPLERIAN ELEMENTS TO CARTESIAN
C  COORDINATES AND VELOCITIES.
C
C*****INPUT
C
C*****CEA IS THE DIMENSIONLESS SEMIMAJOR AXIS (USUALLY CEA=1
C  APPROXIMATELY.)
C*****CEE IS THE ECCENTRICITY.
C*****CEINC IS THE INCLINATION IN RADIANS.
C*****CEMA IS THE MEAN ANOMALY IN RADIANS.
C*****CECMEG IS THE ARGUMENT OF PERIGEE IN RADIANS.
C*****CECAP IS THE LONGITUDE OF NODE IN RADIANS.
C
C*****OUTPUT
C
C*****CEX,CEY,AND CEZ ARE THE CARTESIAN X Y Z COORDINATES. THE ORBITED
C  OBJECT IS AT THE ORIGIN.
C*****CEVMAG IS THE DISTANCE FROM THE ORIGIN TO THE SATELLITE.
C*****DEXDT,DEYDT, AND CEZDT ARE THE VELOCITIES IN THE X,Y, AND Z
C  DIRECTIONS.
C*****CEVMAG IS THE MAGNITUDE OF THE VELOCITY.
C*****THE DISTANCES AND THE VELOCITIES MUST EACH BE MULTIPLIED BY
C  CONVERSION FACTORS IN THE MAIN PROGRAM TO CONVERT TO CGS UNITS.
C  IF THE CONVERSION FACTOR FOR THE DISTANCES IS DISFAC (IN
C  CENTIMETERS), THEN THE CONVERSION FACTOR FOR THE VELOCITIES IS
C  CONV=DSQRT(EIG G * MASS/DISFAC) IN CGS UNITS.
C
0002      IMPLICIT REAL*(A-H,O-Z,*)
0003      TWOPI=6.283185307179586DC
0004      TAMEAN = CEMA
0005      IF (TAMEAN) 10,11,10
0006      10 TAMEAN = DWCD(TAMEAN + TWOPI,TWOPI)
0007      ECCA1 = TAMEAN + CEE*DSIN(TAMEAN) + .5DC+CEE**2*DSIN(2.DO*TAMEAN)
0008      DU 13  I2 = 1,100
0009      DIFF = (CEE*CSIN(ECCA1) - ECCA1+TAMEAN)/(1.DO-CEE*DCCS(ECCA1))
0010      ECCA2 = ECCA1 + DIFF
0011      SECCA2 = CSIN(ECCA2)
0012      DIFF = DAES(ECCA2 - TAMEAN - CEE*SECCA2)
0013      IF (DIFF - 0.1C-13) 16,16,13
0014      13 ECCA1 = ECCA2
0015      WRITE      (6,2)CEMA,CMA,DIFF
0016      2 FORMAT(5X,E3F10.8 CONVERGENCE IN KEPLERS EQUATION - SUBROUTINE GETRV
1 /3D16.8)
C
0017      STOP
0018      11 ECCA2 = TAMEAN
0019      SECCA2 = DSIN(ECCA2)
0020      16 X = DCOS(ECCA2) - CEE
0021      SP = 1.DO - CEE**2
0022      SQ = DSQRT(SP)
0023      Y = SQ*SECCA2
0024      TRUEA = ARCTAN(Y,X)
0025      CTRUEA = DCCS(TRUEA)
0026      STRUEA = DSIN(TRUEA)
0027      DERMAG = CEA*SF/(1.DO+CEE*CTRUEA)
0028      X = DERMAG*CTRUEA
0029      Y = DERMAG*STRUEA
0030      SNW = DSIN(CEOMEG)
0031      CSW = DCCS(CEOMEG)
0032      SNCPW = DSIN(CECAP)
0033      CSCPW = DCCS(CECAP)
0034      SNI = DSIN(CEINC)
0035      CSI = DCCS(CEINC)
0036      AC = CSW*CSCPW - SNW*SNCPW*CSI
0037      EC = CSW*SNCPW + SNW*CSCPW*CSI
0038      CC = SNW*SNI
0039      FC = -SNW*CSCPW - CSW*SNCPW*CSI
0040      GC = -SNW*SNCPW + CSW*CSCPW*CSI
0041      FC = CSW*SNI
0042      CEX = AC*X + FC*Y
0043      CEY = BC*X + GC*Y
0044      CEZ = CC*X + FC*Y
0045      XXD1 = -STRUEA
0046      YYD1 = CEE + CTRUEA
0047      CEXDT= AC*XXD1 + FC*YYD1
0048      DEYDT= BC*XXD1 + GC*YYD1
0049      CEZDT= CC*XXD1 + HC*YYD1

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0050      OEV MAG = DSCRT(2.00/DERMAG - 1.00/OEA)
0051      SQSMSQ = DSCRT(OEXDT**2 + CEYDT**2 + CEZDT**2)
0052      FMULT  = CEVMAG/SQSMSQ
0053      CEXDT  = CEXDT * FMULT
0054      CEYDT  = CEYDT * FMULT
0055      CEZDT  = CEZDT * FMULT
0056      RETURN
0057      END

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0001      FUNCTION ARCTAN(S,C)
0002      IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z,*)
0003      Y=S
0004      X=C
0005      IF (X) 108,100,116
0006      IF (Y) 102,104,106
0007      102  ARCTAN=4.712388980384689D0
0008      GO TO 138
0009      104  ARCTAN=0.000
0010      RETURN
0011      106  ARCTAN=1.570796326794896D0
0012      GO TO 138
0013      108  IF (Y) 110,112,114
0014      110  ADD=3.141592653589793D0
0015      GO TO 124
0016      112  ARCTAN=3.141592653589793D0
0017      GO TO 138
0018      114  ADD=3.141592653589793D0
0019      GO TO 132
0020      116  IF (Y) 118,120,122
0021      118  ADD=6.283185307179586D0
0022      GO TO 132
0023      120  ARCTAN=0.000
0024      GO TO 138
0025      122  ADD=0.000
0026      124  IF (DABS(Y)-DABS(X)) 126,128,130
0027      126  ARCTAN=ATAN(Y/X) + ADD
0028      GO TO 138
0029      128  ARCTAN=0.7853981633974482D0 + ADD
0030      GO TO 138
0031      130  ARCTAN=1.570796326794896D0 - ATAN(X/Y) + ADD
0032      GO TO 138
0033      132  IF (DABS(Y) - DABS(X)) 126,134,136
0034      134  ARCTAN=-0.7853981633974482D0 + ADD
0035      GO TO 138
0036      136  ARCTAN=-1.570796326794896D0 - ATAN(X/Y) + ADD
0037      138  RETURN
0038      END

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0068	32	AP(I,J2)=DCT
0069		DO 33 J=1,61
0070	33	AP(J1,J)=DCT
0071	31	CONTINUE
0072		DO 34 I=1,N
0073		J1=(X(I) - XMIN)*FAC + 1.500
0074		J2=(Y(I) - YMIN)*FAC + 1.500
0075		AP(J1,J2)=D
0076	34	CONTINUE
0077		WRITE (6,41)
0078	41	FORMAT (1H1)
0079		WRITE (6,76)
0080	76	FORMAT (///,10X)
0081		DO 35 J=1,61
0082		J3=61 - (J-1)
0083		WRITE (6,40) (AP(I,J3), I=1,101)
0084	35	CONTINUE
0085	40	FORMAT (10X,101A1)
0086		RETURN
0087		END

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DISTURBING BODY= EARTH

MASS= 0.557600 28 GM

DISTANCE FACTOR= 0.637820 09 CM

A= 0.384400 11 CM

E= 0.05500

NPPOINT= 73

DEL= 5.00000 DEGREES

FULL PERTURBATION

TERMS UP TO AND INCLUDING SECOND ORDER RETAINED IN THE ECCENTRICITY FUNCTIONS  
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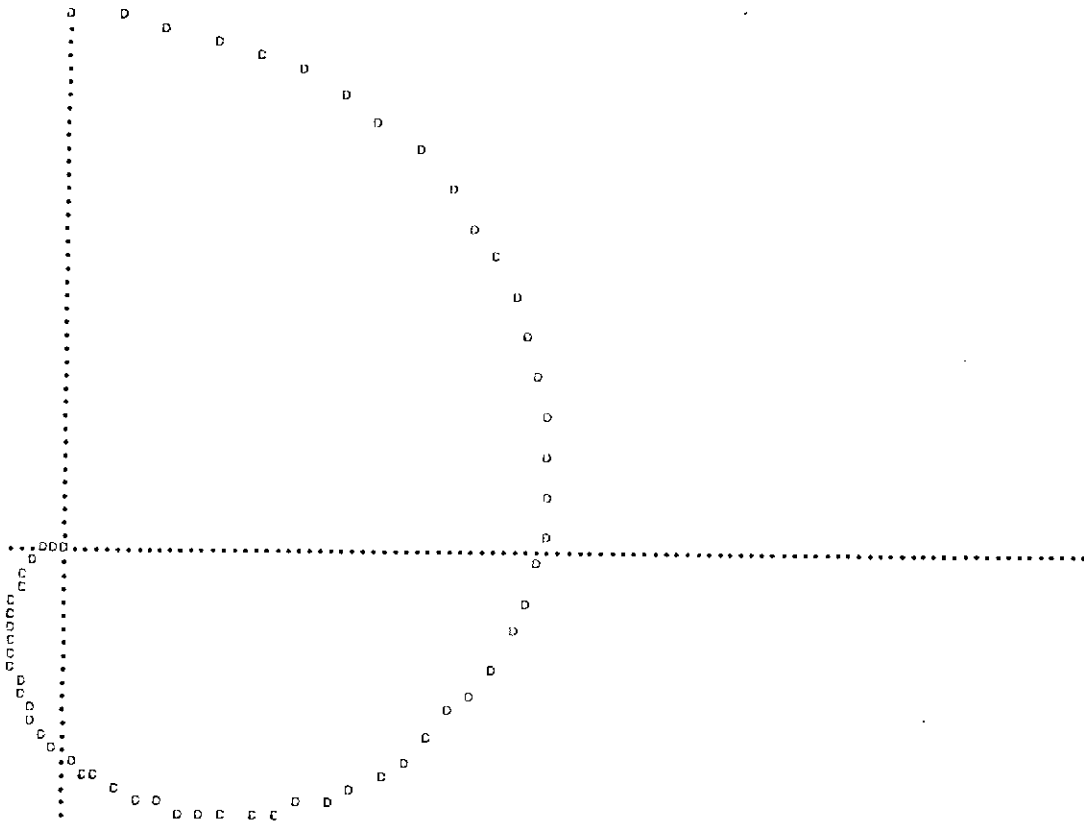
INFORMATION FROM SUBROUTINE PLOT1

YMAX IS THE MAXIMUM Y VALUE ATTAINED.  
 YMIN IS THE MINIMUM Y VALUE ATTAINED.  
 YLGTH IS YMAX-YMIN.  
 XMAX,XMIN AND XLGTH ARE THE ANALOGOUS EXPRESSIONS FOR THE X DIRECTION.  
 FAC ADJUSTS THE GRAPH TO THE PROPER SIZE.

YMAX	YMIN	XMAX	XMIN	YLGTH	XLGTH	FAC
0.167700 02	-0.269970 01	0.152860 02	-0.174320 01	0.254650 02	0.170290 02	0.235580 01

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